

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS CRUNCH FACED BY NH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Highway projects are facing funds, crunch;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government is planning to get overseas funding to boost highway projects; and
- (c) if so, the details of the scheme chalked out in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI R.P.N. SINGH)

(a) to (c) Generally there is no shortage of funds for ongoing Government funded projects taken up for development of National Highways (NHs). However, the Government has taken up major initiatives to develop the NH infrastructure in the country under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) in phases. Further, as a policy, it has been decided to implement NHDP-Phase-III onwards mainly on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) basis. The Government policy allows Foreign Direct Investment up to 100% in road sector.